

Page 3, line 11 delete "of Claim 1" and insert therefore --defined in the claims--.

Page 3, lines 12-13 delete "the subject-matter of Claim 13" and insert therefore --also defined in the claims--.

Page 3, between lines 13 and 14 insert the centered heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, line 15 delete "consists of" and insert therefore --has--.

Page 3, line 30 after "rest" insert --essentially--.

Page 6, between lines 31 and 32 insert the centered heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 8, between lines 5 and 6 insert the centered heading

B2 W-DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

On the page of the Abstract, in line 1, delete "Abstract" and insert therefore --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--.

On the page of the Abstract, line 9 delete "said".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 27, 28, 35-40 and 42 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 22-26, 29-32, 34 and 41 as follows.

1 22. (amended) Surfboard having an essentially elongate,
2 flat basic body which is capable of floating and, during use,
3 rests with its underside on the water, and on whose upper side
4 there is provided a standing surface for the feet of the
5 sports person using the board, at least one fin being attached
6 to the underside, wherein an opening extending from the
7 underside towards the upper side is provided in the basic body

8 for receiving [the] said fin[.].
9 said opening being designed in the form of a fin box
10 which penetrates said basic body and,
11 said fin being attached in said opening by an attachment
12 means, and the fin box having a box top part which is open
13 towards the upper side of the surfboard, and a box bottom part
14 which is open towards the underside of said surfboard,
15 wherein a plate is arranged between said fin top box and
16 said fin bottom box, in which plate said opening is provided,
17 and through which said attachment means extends to engage the
18 fin.

BB 23. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim 22, wherein
2 the extent of [the] said opening in the transverse direction
3 of the board, [that is to say] said transverse direction being
4 transversely to the direction of travel and transversely to
5 the surface plane of the fin, is less than the cross-section
6 of the fin, and wherein the outer edges of the fin cross-
7 section at [the] a connection point to the board are designed
8 [in] such [a way] that the outer edges rest essentially
9 completely against the underside of the board.

3 24. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim 22, wherein
2 the fin is attached in [the] said opening by an attachment
3 means.

4 25. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim 24, wherein
2 [the] said opening has a longitudinal extent essentially in

3 the longitudinal direction of the board, which is greater than
4 the extent of the attachment means in the longitudinal
5 direction, so that the attachment means and the fin can be
6 moved in the longitudinal direction in [the] said opening when
7 [the] said attachment means has been loosened.

B3 1 5 26. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim ³~~24~~, wherein
2 [the] said attachment means is a screw which is provided with
3 a screw head, and wherein [the] said opening has a resting
4 surface on which [the] said screw head rests in order to hold
5 [the] said fin.

1 6 29. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim [28] ¹~~22~~,
2 wherein [the] said box top part consists of two opposite side
3 walls which are arranged essentially parallel to the
4 longitudinal direction of the surfboard and which are
5 connected to one another by two shorter cross walls.

B4 1 7 30. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim [28] ¹~~22~~,
2 wherein [the] said box bottom part has two longitudinal walls
3 running essentially parallel to the longitudinal direction of
4 the surfboard and two short cross walls which connect the
5 latter.

1 8 31. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim ¹~~22~~, wherein
2 [the] said fin has a journal which engages in [the] said
3 opening.

1 9 32. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim [28] ¹~~22~~,
2 wherein [the] said fin has a journal which engages in [the]
3 said opening, wherein [the] said journal has side walls and is
4 of essentially cuboid design, wherein said fin box has side
5 walls, and wherein [the] said opening in [the] said box bottom
6 part is designed in such a way that, in the assembled state of
7 [the] said fin, the side walls of [the] said journal rest
8 essentially against the side walls of [the] said fin box.

1 11 34. (amended) Surfboard according to Claim ¹~~22~~, wherein
2 an opening provided with a threaded bore is provided in [the]
3 said fin for engagement of an attachment means provided with a
4 threaded bore.

1 12 41. (amended) Method for the manufacture of a surfboard
2 having an essentially elongate, flat basic body which is
3 capable of floating and, during use, rests with its underside
4 on the water, and on whose upper side there is provided a
5 standing surface for the feet of the sports person using the
6 board, at least one fin being attached to the underside,
7 wherein an opening extending from the underside towards the
8 upper side is provided in the basic body for receiving [the]
9 said fin, wherein firstly the basic body of the surfboard
10 consisting of a plastic upper shell, plastic lower shell and
11 foam located between them is manufactured at least to a great
12 extent, wherein cutouts are then made in [the] said basic
13 body, and wherein laminates are then introduced into [the]
14 said cutouts, which laminates, in the cured state, form a fin